

CONTAINING CONTAINERS

Moving in? Moving out? Remodeling? There’s a new town law that bans businesses, organizations and residents from placing roll-off containers, PODS or enclosed containers on any public street or alley. The containers present safety issues on public ways. Violations are subject to fines of not less than \$100 nor more than \$2,500 per day.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

Learn about recent trends at our monthly crime watch meeting.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 11**

WHERE: HPD Community Room

INFO: Please call Sgt. Shawn Anderson at (219) 838-3184 or email sanderson@highland.in.gov.



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NEWS TIP? STORY IDEA?

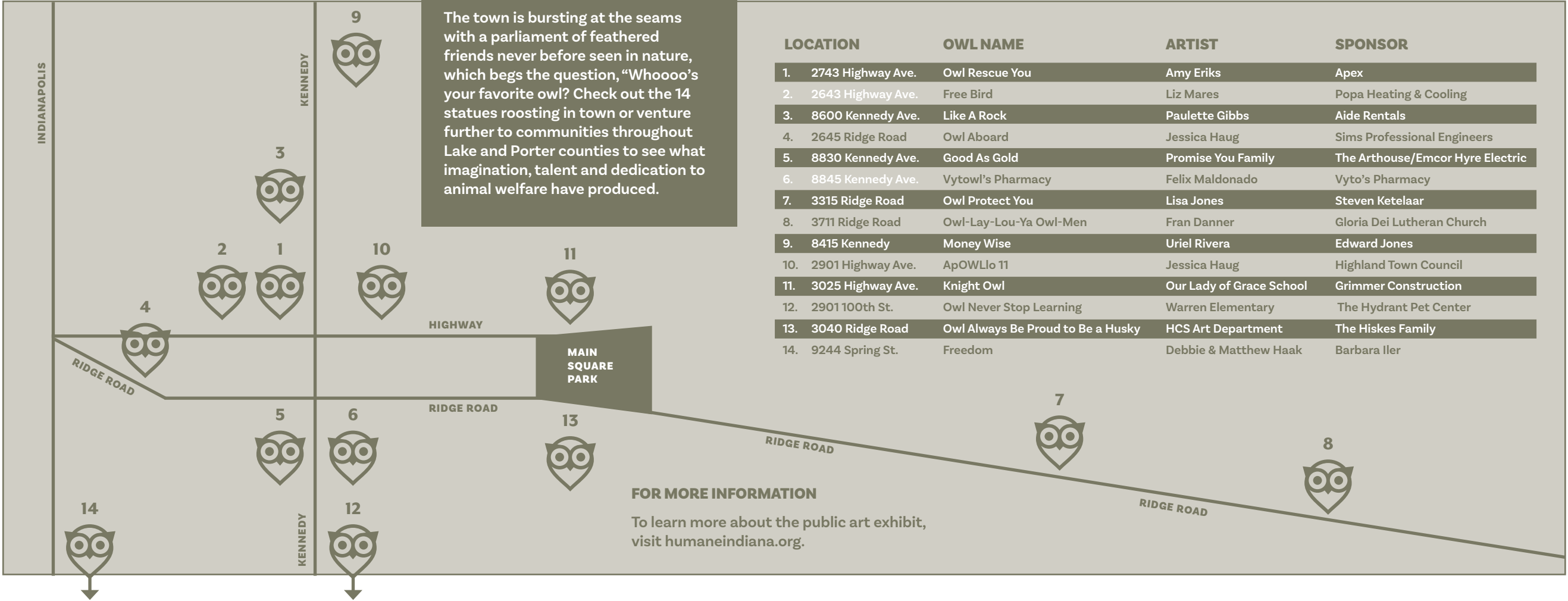
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OWL YOU NEED IS LOVE

The town is bursting at the seams with a parliament of feathered friends never before seen in nature, which begs the question, “Whoooo’s your favorite owl? Check out the 14 statues roosting in town or venture further to communities throughout Lake and Porter counties to see what imagination, talent and dedication to animal welfare have produced.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
To learn more about the public art exhibit,
visit humaneindiana.org.

NEW POLLING PLACES

The new polling configuration – highlighted in green – began with the May 7 primary. Here’s a quick reminder of Highland’s precincts and where voters should report:



PRECINCT	LOCATION
3, 4	Lincoln Social Center 2450 Lincoln St. PCT 1 now votes in 4 PCT 2 now votes in 3
5	Highland Fire Station 2647 45th St,
6, 10	Johnston Elementary 8220 5th St. PCT 7 now votes in 6 PCT 17 now votes in 10
8	Highland Presbyterian 8727 Delaware St.
9, 21	Warren Elementary 2901 100th St.
11	Town Hall 3333 Ridge Road

PRECINCT	LOCATION
12, 16	Gloria Dei Lutheran 3711 Ridge Road
15	Merkley Elementary 9340 5th Street PCT 22 now votes in 15
19, 23	Southridge Elementary 9221 Johnston St. PCT 13 now votes in 19
20	Meadow Park Garage 9400 Southmoore Ave.
24	Faith Church 8910 Grace St.
25, 26	Immanuel United 2201 Azalea Dr. PCT 18 now votes in 25
Note:	There is no PCT 14

HIGHLAND POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE COMMENDATION WITH ONE DAY OFF

Half of the town’s sworn police officers have completed six months of work without reporting off sick or being involved in an accident that could be attributed to them.

Their reward: the town’s gratitude, a letter of commendation and day off with pay that is permitted as department staffing allows.

Chief Pete Hojnicky said the long-standing incentive program continues to be well-received.

“This program was created by the police commission more than a decade ago and supported by the Town Council. For our officers, it is always a nice surprise to get that extra day off,” Hojnicky said.

“It is the town’s way of rewarding them for good work,” he said. “Driving days, afternoons and

nights in snow, ice and driving rain and not having an accident is a big thing.”

Town Council President Steve Wagner said the nature of police work, particularly patrols where officers encounter individuals who are seriously ill and must drive in the types of inclement weather that would force others off the roads, makes the accomplishment noteworthy.

“Our police department is second-to-none.

“We have had record-low crime rates and officers who are always looking to see how they can do the job even better,” Wagner said.

“The day off with pay is a way we can show our appreciation for everything our officers do without breaking our budget.” 🦉

WHO MADE THE LIST?

- Asst. Chief Pat Vassar
- Cmdr. Ralph Potesta
- Sgt. Glenn Cox
- Cpl. Erich Swisher
- Cpl. Jason Hildenbrand
- Cpl. Brian Stanley
- Cpl. Michael Yonkman
- Lance Cpl. Christopher Balbo
- Lance Cpl. John Hinkel
- Officer Richard Hoffman
- Officer Daniel Matusik
- Det. Lee Natelborg
- Det. Anthony Kowal
- Det. Darren Conley
- Officer Frank Peckler
- Officer Nicholas Vanni
- Officer Luke Paprocki
- Officer Joel Sullivan
- Officer James Mullins

YOUTH CHORUS AUDITIONS

The Northwest Indiana Youth Chorus will host auditions for singers ages 6-18.

WHEN: Beginning 6:30 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 9**
WHERE: Lincoln Center, Room 112
INFO: highlandparks.org or 219.838.0114

KICKAROO KARATE KIDS

A fun, non-contact program that inspires self-esteem, builds character and prepares young children - ages 3-5 - to face life's challenges. Dress comfortably.

WHEN: 3:15-3:50 p.m. or 4-4:35 p.m.
Mondays, **SEPTEMBER 9-OCTOBER 14**
WHERE: Lincoln Community Center
FEE: \$47 residents / \$52 nonresidents
INFO: highlandparks.org or 219.838.0114

PICKLEBALL POINTERS

Adults - ages 19 and up - learn the basics of pickleball from the rules and point system to serving, volleys, and more.

WHEN: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays,
SEPTEMBER 10-OCTOBER 15
WHERE: Lincoln Community Center
FEE: \$30 residents / \$35 nonresidents
INFO: highlandparks.org or 219.838.0114

OLG RUMMAGE SALE

Stop by Our Lady of Grace School for more hidden treasures at the 8th grade rummage sale. Students are raising money for their trip to the state Capitol.

WHEN: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday,
SEPTEMBER 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday,
SEPTEMBER 22
WHERE: Our Lady of Grace School,
3025 Highway Ave. Enter through Door D.
DONATION: Drop off **SEPTEMBER 17-20** at the main office. No clothes or furniture.
INFO: For more information, please email Ana Topp at toppmom2@aol.com.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Hunt for gently used gems and enjoy homemade goodies at the rummage, pierogi and bake, hosted by the St. James Women's Guild. Clothes are \$7 a bag. Other items priced as marked. Donations may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 24-25**. No large furniture items, please.

WHEN: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 25-26**
and 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. **SEPTEMBER 27**
WHERE: St. James Hall, 9640 Kennedy
INFO: Call Chris at (219) 810-2043.

FALL FESTIVAL

Grab the family and head to Main Square Park for Highland's Fall Festival. Sponsored by the Highland Council of Community Events, the festival features carnival rides, delicious food and vendors.

FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 27	5-10 PM
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 28	NOON-10 PM
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 29	NOON-8 PM

FESTIVAL OF THE TRAIL

This year's Festival of the Trail - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. October 5 - will have an eye on the arts, including art and artisan product vendors, live music, farmer's market and food trucks on Jewett between Kennedy and 4th in #DowntownHighland.

INFO: Check Highland Redevelopment Commission's Facebook page or #2019HighlandFOTT for updates!



SATURDAY | OCTOBER 5 | 11 AM - 3 PM

FOOD, FUN & FIRE ...

During the Festival of the Trail, the Central Fire Station - 2901 Highway Avenue - will host an open house where kids can play with water, ride fire trucks and watch a side-by-side burn. Food and refreshments served. **INFO:** Call (219) 923-9876.

SIDEWALK SALE ...

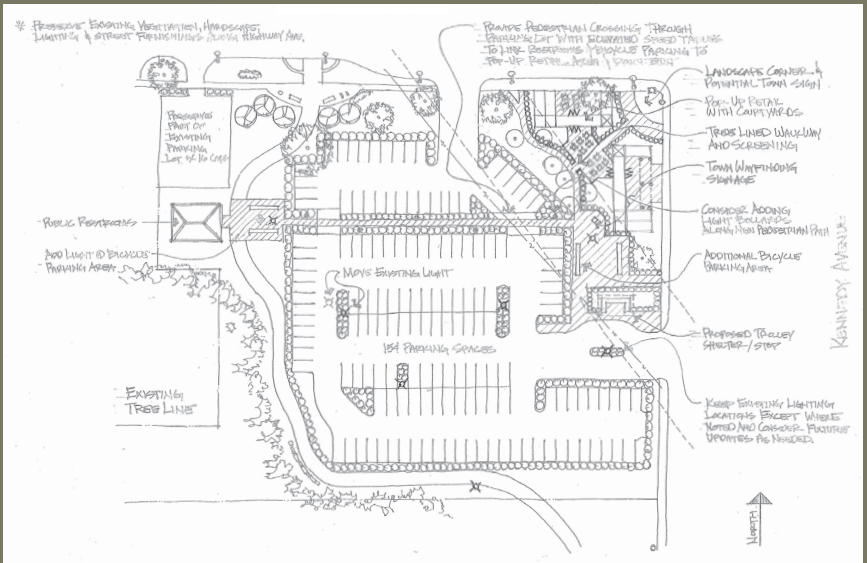
While downtown enjoying the festival, be sure to check out the annual downtown sidewalk sale! This is a great time to start your Christmas shopping and snag deeply discounted items!



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NO BURNING LEAVES: Open burning of leaves, twigs or other yard waste is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Town of Highland. According to Title 12.15.050 of the Highland Municipal Code, "No person shall openly burn or ignite refuse, garbage or rubbish." The law was created in 2000 to keep residents and structures safe. **INFO:** Visit highland.in.gov/MunicipalCode to learn more.



NEW PARKING LOT: Years in the planning, a project to transform the municipal parking lot at the southwest corner of Kennedy and Highway has been green-lighted for construction. In addition to a new surface throughout, the retrofitted space will add lighting and greenery as well as a depot-styled building with restrooms. "More lighted parking will be a welcome addition for all our downtown businesses," Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox said.

DOWNTOWN FLOURISHING

ITALIAN STREET FOOD

By this time next year, Giuseppe's Passione di Sofi will be dishing up wildly popular Italian street food to hungry diners. Giuseppe and Antonio Belmonte, owners of Giuseppe's Pizza in Schererville, will transform the facade at 2907 Jewett by the end of the year and then work on the interior. "Giuseppe's Passione di Sofi offers an option unlike any other in Northwest Indiana," Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox said. "It will enhance downtown, add to the pedestrian-friendly environment and provide a Neapolitan culinary destination."

MARIA'S BUENA COCINA

After a multi-year journey to find a suitable location in Highland, Maria Curiel is at the footsteps of a new adventure at 2936 Highway Ave. beginning this month. The new digs for the longtime owner of Maria's Buena Cocina are on the eastern edge of the downtown next to The Counter and within eyesight of a mural that mirrors the oranges, yellows and greens that fill the walls and tables at the Mexican-themed eatery. It was the owners of The Counter that turned one restaurant into two unique spaces that fill a craving for dinner - and dessert.

RESIDENTS
LEARN ABOUT
TAXES, TOWN
GOVERNMENT

Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin's Treasury Talks are becoming the place to be for discussions about public finance.

It is a topic that is attracting residents as well as out-of-towners who want to understand how government is financed and the fiscal challenges ahead. Whether due to volatile assessments on big box stores or state-mandated constraints, towns and cities are being challenged in developing avenues to pay their bills.

Among the more than 50 who attended the August session was Tom Hoffman, former clerk-treasurer for Dyer.

"It says a great deal about residents of Highland, who flocked to this meeting to know more about how their tax dollars are spent and plans the town has to move forward given new laws," Hoffman said. "I was flabbergasted when I walked in to a packed room of people genuinely interested in learning about their government. Kudos to Highland for a job well done."



CONVERSATION. KNOWLEDGE. POWER.

Become part of the conversation when Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin delves into little-known options for paring costs in: "Beyond the Circuit Breaker" **6:30 p.m. Sept. 19** in the Community Room at the Highland Police Station, 3315 Ridge Road.

INFO: Call the Clerk-Treasurer's office at (219) 838-1080.